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REFERENCE TO: LAUNCH SITES 15 AND 21
PLESETSK MISSILE AND SPACE CENTER, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

A PROBABLE ELECTRONIC FACILITY IS SUPERIMPOSED ON LAUNCH SITE 15; LAUNCH SITE 21, PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT TO CONSIST OF 2 SILOS, ACTUALLY HAS 2 SOFT PADS.

2. LOCATION:

APPROXIMATELY 34.5 NM ENE OF THE TOWN OF PLESETSK.

3. REMARKS:

LAUNCH SITES 15 AND 21 WERE ORIGINALLY REPORTED AS ONE SITE, DESIGNATED SITE 15. HOWEVER, THE SITE WAS LATER REDESIGNATED AND THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE FACILITY BECAME SITE 21. BOTH SITES ARE OF TYPES NOT OBSERVED PREVIOUSLY.

AT SITE 15, 3 CONFIRMED SILOS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. SITE 21 WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE CONTAINED 2 SILOS.

4. COLLATERAL:

NONE.

5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

6. NEGATION DATE:

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

3 KH-4, 2 KH-7,

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8. <u>DIMENSIONS/</u>
SPECIFICATIONS:

OUTER DIAMETER OF SILOS AT SITE 15:

INNER DIAMETER OF SILOS

CYLINDRICAL STRUCTURES NORTH

AND SOUTH OF SITE 15

9. MISSION READOUT: A COMMON SECURITY FENCE ENCLOSES BOTH SITES 15 AND 21.

PORTIONS OF THE CONDUIT BETWEEN THE 3 SILOS AT SITE 15 HAVE BEEN BACKFILLED. A PROBABLE ELECTRONIC FACILITY IS SUPERIMPOSED ON THE SITE. TWO
CYLINDRICAL STRUCTURES, EACH APPROXIMATELY IN DIAMETER WITH A SMALL
OPENING IN THE TOP, ARE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 600 FT NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE
CENTER OF THE SITE. A SECOND PAIR OF STRUCTURES IS LOCATED AT THE INSIDE EDGE
OF THE LOOP ROAD AT OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE LONG AXIS OF THE LOOP. THESE 4
STRUCTURES, IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLE ANTENNA POSITIONS, FORM A PLUS-SHAPED
FIGURE ON THE SITE. THE SOUTHERN CYLINDRICAL STRUCTURE HAS BEEN EARTH MOUNDED.

LAUNCH SITE 21, PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT TO CONSIST OF 2 SILOS, ACTUALLY HAS 2 SOFT PADS. A LIGHT TOWER IS LOCATED INBOARD OF EACH PAD. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF AN ERECTOR MECHANISM OR LAUNCH STAND ON EITHER PAD.

CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY, SCARRING, AND DITCHING ARE OBSERVED AT BOTH LAUNCH SITES 15 AND 21.

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